GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS
Baalu Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide legel entitlement for the socially neglected and physically challenged;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change the name as `differently abled` instead of `physically challenged`; and;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a): The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 has been enacted with a view to empower persons with disabilities.

(b) & (c): The expression "Persons with Disabilities" is used in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and also in United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to which India is a signatory.